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King Abdullah's commitment to peace, dialogue, understanding, and knowledge.

On October 15, Ambassador Al-Jubeir hosted a reception for all participants and guests at the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia.

TERRORISM

Security forces kill 2 terrorists, arrest a third

Saudi security forces killed two terrorists and arrested another at a checkpoint in Jazan Province on October 13. Interior Ministry spokesman Major General Mansour Al-Turki reported that policeman at the Al-Hamraa checkpoint became suspicious of a car carrying three people, two of whom were disguised as women. While waiting for a female inspector to arrive to search the suspects, the passengers opened fire on the policemen, killing one and slightly injuring another. The policemen returned fire, killing two of the assailants, and arrested the third. A search of the car turned up a large quantity of hand grenades, machine guns, and substances normally used to manufacture and prepare explosive materials.



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**Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia
18th NCUSAR Conference
Ambassador's Roundtable
Audio News Release
October 20, 2009**

VOICE:

Saudi Ambassador to the U.S. Adel Al-Jubeir and U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Brigadier General James B. Smith participated in the Ambassador's roundtable at the 18th annual National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations Conference last week.

The ambassadors discussed the importance of the Saudi-U.S. relationship and specific areas of cooperation, including counterterrorism and trade.

Ambassador Al-Jubeir:

AMBASSADOR AL-JUBEIR:

The relationship between our two countries is a historic one. When I look at our relationship today, we have tremendously strong ties in counterterrorism and terror-financing, we have very strong commercial investment ties, we have very strong political ties, we have institutional links between our two countries that have not existed in the past."

VOICE:

Ambassador Smith spoke of the multi-faceted nature of the Saudi-U.S. relationship:

AMBASSADOR SMITH:

It's an era of hope and opportunity...for most every challenge facing this nation there is a crossroad in Riyadh that we have to use and think of the words that our President used which were listen, respect, trust.

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